



IV Catheters and Fluid Administration

River City Veterinary Hospital recommends that every patient undergoing an anesthetic procedure have an intravenous (IV) catheter placed and be administered IV fluids throughout surgery.

- The placement of an IV catheter allows quick and easy access to a vein in case of an emergency situation where intravenous medications must be administered.
- Anesthesia can cause the blood pressure to drop and decrease blood flow to organs (liver and kidney). IV fluids help maintain blood pressure and aid in blood flow to the liver and kidneys.

We would be happy to discuss or answer any questions that you may have concerning this recommendation and the value that it brings to your pet's health.